GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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INCREASE IN PRICES OF CHEMICAL FERTILISERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the prices of different chemical fertilizers in the country have been increased during the last three years;

(b) if so, the consumer prices of each chemical fertilizers which was provided from the years 1997 to 2000;

(c) the quantum of subsidy given on the production and import of chemicals fertilizers by the Government during 1997-98 and 2000-01;

(d) whether the Government have conducted a study to ascertain the reasons for which the consumer prices of chemical fertilizers have gone up inspite of subsidy given thereon; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The details of price hikes of major fertilizers during last three years, separately, are given below:-

(Rs. per MT)

Sl. No.	Name of the Fertilizer	Hike in Sale Prices					
		1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000	
		Price	Sale from	Effective price	Sale from	Effective price	Sale from
1.	Urea	3660	21.2.1997	4000	29.1.1999	4600	29.2.2000
2.	DAP	8300	1.4.1997	No price hike during 1998-99		8900	29.2.2000
3.	MOP	3700	1.4.1997	No price hike during 1998-99		4255	29.2.2000

(c): Urea, being the only fertilizer under statutory price, distribution and movement control, is covered under Retention Price-cum-Subsidy Scheme for payment of subsidy to urea manufacturing units. The quantum of subsidy given on indigenous urea and imported urea are given in the table below:-

Period	Amount of subsidy disbursed on	
	Indigenous Urea	Imported Urea
1997-98	6600	721.96
1998-99	7473	124.22
1999-2000	8670	74.07
2000-2001(RE)	9480	1.00

(d) & (e): Decisions regarding increase in prices of chemical fertilizers are taken by Government after careful consideration of all aspects pertaining to fiscal sustainability and balanced nutrient application in the country.